

Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador.

Sharon Fast Gustafson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

Johnathan Miller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 18, 2018.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—58) Page S1827

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1848.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,901 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gen-

eral John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jimmy D. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management, and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Commander, United States Marine Forces Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

TAKATA AIR BAG INFLATORS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine an update on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and automaker efforts to repair defective Takata air bag inflators, after receiving testimony from Heidi King, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; John D. Buretta, TK Holdings, Inc., New York, New York; David Kelly, Independent Testing Coalition, Springfield, Virginia; Joseph Perkins, Key Safety Systems, Inc., Sterling Heights, Michigan; Rick Schostek, Honda North America, Inc., Marysville, Ohio; and Desi Ujkashevich, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, who was introduced by Senator Gardner, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 85, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment;

S. Res. 224, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the death of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, and commemorating his legacy and commitment to democratic values and principles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 376, urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with an amendment;

S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community;

S. Res. 432, congratulating the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence, with an amendment;

H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency;

Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (the "Treaty"), signed at Pristina on March 29, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-02);

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, signed at Majuro on September 6, 2013, and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation

of a Maritime Boundary, signed at Koror on August 1, 2014 (Treaty Doc. 114-13);

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Serbia (the "Treaty"), signed at Belgrade on August 15, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-01);

United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade, done at New York on December 12, 2001, and signed by the United States on December 30, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 114-07); and

The nominations of Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, all of the Department of State, Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, and Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

REAUTHORIZING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, including S. 2521, to authorize the issuance of extreme risk protection orders, S. 2266, to authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes, and S. 1539, to protect victims of stalking from gun violence, after receiving testimony from Katharine T. Sullivan, Principal Deputy Director, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice; Tracy M. Prior, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, San Diego, California; and Amanda Nguyen, Rise, and Cindy Dyer, Vital Voices Global Partnership, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5336–5356, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 791–792, were introduced. **Pages H1727–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1729**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Randy K. Weber Sr. to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1701**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Michael Lewis, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, GA. **Page H1702**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1704.

Recess: The House recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. **Page H1710**

Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act: The House passed H.R. 4566, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide relief to nonbanks from certain stress test requirements under such Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 119. **Pages H1717–18**

Agreed to:

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment No. 1, as modified, That restores the Federal Reserve Board's discretionary authority to stress test any non-designated non-bank, provided that certain conditions are met. It would also allow the Fed to use alternatives to capital, as appropriate, when stress-testing SIFI-designated non-banks, and eliminates the bill's \$10 billion threshold for the SEC's and CFTC's authority to issue stress testing rules for entities under their purview. **Page H1717**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Waters Amendment No. 1 to the bill H.R. 4566, printed in House Report No. 115–613, be modified. **Page H1712**

Pursuant to House Resolution 787, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–65, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read. **Page H1712**

H. Res. 787, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4566 and H.R. 5247), was agreed to by recorded vote of 225 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 118, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 117. **Pages H1710–12**

Unanimous Consent: When the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 11 a.m. for legislative business. **Page H1718**

Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4463, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Doyers Street in New York, New York, as the "Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office". **Page H1718**

Amelia Earhart Post Office Building: Agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2040, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 621 Kansas Avenue in Atchison, Kansas, as the "Amelia Earhart Post Office Building". **Page H1718**

Quorum—Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1710–11, H1711–12, and H1717–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce.